

Claims

1. A gaming machine system for playing a bonusing event comprising;
at least two gaming machines linked together
said gaming machines linked to an interactive sign
said interactive sign comprising a bonusing event.
2. The gaming machine system of claim 1 wherein a player reaches said bonusing event based upon symbols appearing on said gaming machine.
3. The gaming machine system of claim 1 wherein a player reaches said bonusing event based upon number of coins placed in a specific gaming machine.
4. The gaming machine system of claim 1 wherein a player reaches said bonusing event based upon number of coins entered in all linked gaming machines.
5. The gaming machine system of claim 1 wherein a bonus award is supplemental to an original award at said gaming machine.
6. The gaming machine system of claim 5 wherein said bonus award is cash, a prize, redeemable for services, currency, discounts or other goods of value.
7. The gaming machine system of claim 1 further comprising a device for alerting a player when they are entering said bonusing event.
8. The gaming system of claim 5 wherein said bonus award is generated from a percentage of total coins placed into all gaming machines which are linked to said interactive sign.
9. The gaming system of claim 1 further comprising a mechanism linked to said interactive sign which allows a player to operate said bonusing event from any of said gaming machines linked to said interactive sign.

10. The gaming system of claim 1 further comprising a dispenser for dispensing tickets, papers or cards.
11. The gaming system of claim 10 wherein said tickets, papers or cards entitles a user to play said bonusing event on a separate gaming machine.
12. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein at least two gaming machines enter said bonusing event during same play.
13. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein players playing said linked gaming machines who enter said bonusing event compete against each other at said bonusing event.
14. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein said gaming machines are selected from the group consisting of slot machines, video poker, video bingo and video keno.
15. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein said bonusing event is a wheel which has various monetary denominations around it.
16. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein said bonusing event is an LCD Screen where a player plays one on one with a casino dealer on said screen.
17. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein said bonusing event is a ferris wheel that unloads coins when one of said linked gaming machines triggers said bonusing event.
18. The gaming system of claim 1 further comprising:
a video monitor at each of said gaming machines.
19. A process for entering a bonusing event comprising;
placing a coin in a gaming machine
said gaming machine linked to at least one other gaming machine and an interactive sign;
said interactive sign comprising a bonusing event;

playing a game on said gaming machine;
alerting a player if they have entered said bonusing event;
playing said bonusing event if a player enters said bonusing event.

20. The process of claim 19 further comprising, dispensing a ticket or card when a player enters said bonusing event.

21. The process of claim 19 further comprising;
generating a bonus prize from a percentage of total coins placed into all participating gaming machines.